

We claim:

1. A method comprising:

- providing access to characterizing descriptors as individually correspond to a plurality of discrete selectable items of data;

while displaying a selected discrete selectable item of data:

- using the characterizing descriptors as correspond to the selected discrete selectable item of data to provide at least one selection criterion;
 - using the at least one selection criterion to identify at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of data;
- displaying information regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of data at a time that is temporally proximal to a conclusion of displaying the selected discrete selectable item of data.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein providing access to characterizing descriptors as individually correspond to a plurality of discrete selectable items of data further comprises providing access to textual characterizing descriptors as individually correspond to a plurality of discrete selectable items of data.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein providing access to characterizing descriptors as individually correspond to a plurality of discrete selectable items of data further comprises providing access to characterizing descriptors as individually correspond to a plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content are embodied in a plurality of media.

5. A method comprising:

- providing access to characterizing descriptors as individually correspond to a plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content;

while displaying a selected discrete selectable item of audio/visual content:

- identifying at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content for which at least one characterizing descriptor as individually corresponds to the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content that is similar to a characterizing descriptor of the selected discrete selectable item of audio/visual content;

- displaying information regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the information regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content is displayed at a time that is temporally proximal to a conclusion of displaying the selected discrete selectable item of audio/visual content.

7. The method of claim 5 further comprising responding to a remote control device by triggering the display of the information regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content.

8. The method of claim 5 wherein the information displayed regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content comprises at least one of:

- a graphic image;
- a video sequence.

9. The method of claim 5 wherein the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content are embodied in a plurality of media.

10. An interactive data display system comprising:

- characterizing descriptors as individually correspond to a plurality of discrete selectable items of data;
- a selected displayed discrete selectable item of data;
- control circuitry that:
 - uses the characterizing descriptors as correspond to the selected displayed discrete selectable item of data to provide at least one selection criterion;
 - uses the at least one selection criterion to identify at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of data;
 - displays information regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of data at a time that is temporally proximal to a conclusion of displaying the selected displayed discrete selectable item of data.

11. The interactive data display system of claim 10 wherein the plurality of discrete selectable items of data comprises a plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content.

12. The interactive data display system of claim 10 further comprising:

- a remote control device

13. The interactive data display system of claim 12 wherein the remote control device comprises at least one key to trigger the display of information regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of data.

14. The interactive data display system of claim 10 wherein the control circuitry further displays information regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of data at a time that is temporally proximal to a conclusion of displaying the selected discrete selectable item of data.

15. The interactive data display system of claim 11 wherein the information regarding the at least another one of the plurality of discrete selectable items of audio/visual content comprises at least one of:

- a graphic image;
- a video sequence.